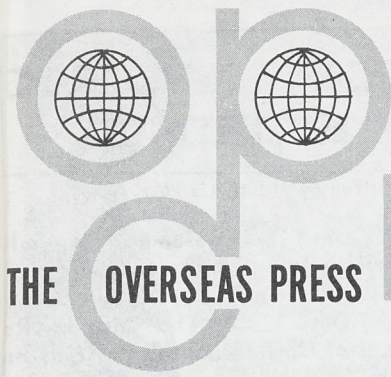




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CONFERENCE TO PROBE US INFORMATION POLICY

In the first conference of its kind, propaganda and image-making experts will make an intensive examination of "The Case for Reappraisal of US Information Policies and Programs Overseas."

The setting will be a morning-till-night seminar at the OPC Oct. 22.

The conclave stems from a 175 page report, *The Future of US Public Diplomacy*, issued nine months ago by Rep. Dante B. Fascell (D-Fla.), chairman of the House Subcommittee on International Organizations and movements.

Co-sponsoring the all-day session (10 a.m. to 8 p.m.) are the Emergency Committee for Reappraisal of US Information Policies, headed by Dr. Edward L. Bernays of Cambridge, Mass., and The Overseas Press Club Foundation and Edward R. Murrow Memorial Fund.

In support of the findings of the Fascell report, a roster of experts actively engaged in international relations, news-gathering, diplomacy and foreign

exchange educational programs will present their ideas for overhauling the USIA.

The audience will include government leaders, social and behavioral scientists, foreign correspondents and news analysts.

Speakers

Principal speakers will include Fascell; Bernays; Dr. Robert F. Delaney, director of the Edward R. Murrow Center, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy; W.R.A. Ravenscroft, London Express; Francis K. Sutton, Ford Foundation, Gerhard D. Wiebe, Dean, School of Public Communication, Boston University; Paul Grimes, Philadelphia Bulletin; Robert F. Elder, author of *The Information Machine*, John W. Henderson, author of *The US Information Agency*; George Gallup, Jr., President of the American Institute of Public Opinion; Dr. Frederick Yu, Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism; Prof. W. Phillips Davison,

also of Columbia University and author of *International Political Communications*; Benjamin H. Oerlert, former US Ambassador to Pakistan; Spyridon Graniatsas, distinguished lecturer and journalist. There also will be taped messages and opinions from Sen. Karl E. Mundt and other leaders. Messages already have been received from Rep. Clement J. Zabloniski, chairman of the House Subcommittee on National Security; Rep. John B. Anderson (Ill.); Rep. Robert Taft, Jr. (R-Ohio) and former Sen. William Benton and Amb. Chester Bowles.

USIA Director Frank Shakespeare has been invited to face this group and to discuss plans of the Nixon administration. He also was asked to update conference participants on the USIA and its radio arm, Voice of America, and how public information policies and programs are being carried out through them.

The opening address and official welcome will be given by Rep. Robert Taft, Jr. (See page 4)

MRS. ANDERSON TO GIVE MIDEAST REPORT THURSDAY

Former Ambassador Eugenie Anderson will come to the OPC Oct. 9 to offer an impartial appraisal of what's currently going on in the Middle East.

Her talk, "Peace or War in the Mideast?", will be presented at a Club dinner that night, immediately following her return from the Mideast as an unofficial observer. (Cocktails, 6:30 p.m., dinner 7:30.)

Mrs. Anderson, the first woman to hold full ambassadorial rank for the US as envoy to Denmark during the Truman administration, most recently served as UN ambassador under the Johnson administration. She also was appointed ambassador to Bulgaria by President Kennedy.

Helen Alpert is producing this event.

CLUB-CORRESPONDENTS FUND PACT APPROVED BY OPC BOARD

The OPC and the Correspondents Fund have agreed to sell the 54 West 40th Street property and to divide between the two organizations the proceeds of such a sale.

The agreement was unanimously approved by the Club's Board of Governors at their Sept. 18 meeting.

According to the agreement, signed Sept. 19, the amount of the Club's indebtedness to the Fund will be deducted from the OPC's share of the proceeds.

The pact averts the immediate need of instituting suit, which the Board felt was in the best interests of the Club. Like any other action, the suit could have failed, and the Club might have faced eviction without any portion of the proceeds of a sale.

Settlement, on the other hand, assures the Club of a home for the time being, with the possibility that it may remain in the building permanently. It also assures the Club of a substantial share of the proceeds of sale, less, of course, the amount which the Club is indebted to the Fund.

Because there are many real estate, legal and tax problems in connection with this matter, Club counsel has advised that it would not be in the OPC's best interests to specify in detail the agreement in The Bulletin.

All terms of the pact were read and explained to the Board by the Club's attorneys at the recent meeting, and Board members subsequently voted unanimous approval.

PEOPLE & PLACES

By WAMBLY BALD

OVERSEAS: Globe-trotting **Ernie Kehr** now in Tokyo where he addressed delegates at the International Congress of the Universal Postal Union....OPCers already in Frankfurt for the far-flung Book Fair are being joined by **Matt Huttner**, **Fred Kerner**, **Anita Diamond Berke**, and **Ken Giniger** **Harrison Forman** reports from Islamic Afghanistan that there's something sad about its women. The menfolk, with modern go, are developing industries and opening roads at a feverish pace. But the women just keep standing around in purdah and they rarely appear in public without a full length shroudlike chadri, whatever that is....**Madeleine Ross**, before flying to London to research a story, promised to sightsee the Overseas Press Club Memorial plaque recently installed in St. Bride's of Fleet Street, the parish church of the press.

THE WORKING PRESS: **Ruediger (Rudy) von Wechmar**, veteran foreign correspondent and now a consul general and director of the German Information Center in NYC, hosted a flock of newsmen in his apartment to meet German Chancellor Kiesinger. In the group were **Jack Raymond**, **Richard C. Hottelet** and **Stanley Swinton**

Wambly Bald has been free lancing for national magazines and newspaper syndicates since he left the New York Post where he worked as a feature writer and general assignments reporter for nine years. He started in



Wambly

journalism as Left Bank columnist on the Paris edition of the Chicago Tribune. Wambly is his real name, believe it or not. So is Bald. (All contributions to People & Places should be sent to Wambly Bald, at Overseas Press Club, 54 West 40th Street, New York, N.Y. 10018.

The election of **Betty Etter** as an Associate member of the Board of Governors has necessitated her withdrawal as a regularly-assigned member of the staff of the Bulletin. We commend Miss Etter for her contributions to the Bulletin in the past.

Bulletin Editorial Board

NETWORKS AND PANELS: ABC News White House correspondent **Tom Jarriel** and UN correspondent **John Mac Vane** were anchormen for ABC's TV coverage of President Nixon's UN address on Sept. 18.... OPCer **Col. Barney Oldfield**, chairman of the Scholarship and Financial Development Committee, Radio & TV News Directors, announced at Detroit convention the first of the "electronic journalism" scholarships have been fully endowed. First winner to be named at 1970 convention, in Denver, gets \$1000....**Jim Atkins**, Washington information head of National Milk Producers Federation, was on panel which selected the 1969 National Future Farmers of America Foundation's dairy award recipient....**Robert I. Queen**, on the Joe Franklin WOR Radio program, plugged his recent handbook, "Creative PR for your Special Events."....**Virginia Knauer**, special Assistant to President Nixon, in panel on the marketer's role in consumer protection at the Advertising Club on Oct. 15. Panel is produced by OPCers **Jack Galub** and his associate **Milton Riback**, president of the Ad Club.

BOOKS: **Angele de T. Gingras**, former book critic and State Dept. columnist for U.S. Lady Magazine, out with book for teenagers, "What Every Military Kid Should Know," to be published next month by Stackpole.... Author **Bob Misch** keeps offering short cuts to happiness. His new (Doubleday) book is "Quick Guide to the World's Most Famous Recipes." The previous one was "Quick Guide to Wine.".... Book-a-year man is **Charles Morrow Wildon** whose "Flight Against Hunger," just released by Funk & Wagnalls, is his 39th in 39 years.

SOCIAL NOTE: **Blythe Foote Finke** and **Grace Naismith** formally welcomed into Theta Sigma Phi, the Women's professional journalism group, at reception Sept. 24.

RECOGNITIONS: **Theodore Berland's** article in Woman's Day, "Look Ma, No Braces," won \$1000 prize money from the American Dental Assn's Science Writers Award group. He gets the check at the group's annual meeting on Oct. 13.... **Elaine Shepard**, former combat reporter, has been added to the masthead of Twin Circle (the National Catholic Press) as contributing editor.... **Denny Griswold's** "Public Relations News," celebrates its 25th anniversary with a citation from a Pennsylvania chapter of the Public Relations Society of America... **Edward L. Bernays** is now on the steering committee of the Mass. Committee for Comprehensive Children's Services.

NEW YORK SCENE

Edited by BEULAH HARRIS

Mon., Oct. 13 - Columbus Day holiday. Grill only will be open.

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Wed., Oct. 22 - "The Case for Reappraisal of US Information Policies and Program." All-day conference under joint auspices of OPC Foundation and the Emergency Committee for Reappraisal of US Overseas Information Policies and Programs. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Reservations required for luncheon \$5.50, for dinner \$6.50. (See page 1.)

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From North of the Border

Tues., Oct. 28 - Canadian Regional Dinner. Cocktails 6:30 p.m.; dinner 7:30. \$7.

The menu for the evening, of mouth-watering Canadian specialties, is being master-minded by the NY Canadian Government Travel Bureau. The main door prize will be a round trip for two to any point in Canada via Air Canada with unlimited stopover privileges.

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Weeknights 6 to 8:30 p.m., the Club's dining room will serve international dinners.

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All reservations not cancelled 24 hours in advance will be charged to members' accounts.

DINING ROOM, GRILL SERVICE

The Food & Beverage Committee urges members to make more use of the Dining Room during the evening hours.

It is open from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, serving bang up meals at prices that cannot be beaten in midtown. It's also handy to most theaters.

This is also a reminder that the Members' Grill is again open on Saturdays, serving hearty soups, fine cheeses, bread and fruit, with wine, at a special price of \$2.50. The Grill is open until 8 p.m. for food, until 9 p.m. for beverages.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS DELAYED

The OPC office reports that Club membership cards will be late this year. Mailing will begin in mid-November.

Before we could use the plane of the future, we had to build the terminal of the future.

TWA's first transcontinental and transatlantic flight using the Boeing 747 will take off from Los Angeles in early 1970. Soon after that, 747 service will start in major cities in the U.S. and Europe.

But in the future of air travel, not all the achievements will take place in the air.

For one thing, TWA is building Flight Wing I at Kennedy Airport. When it's completed in November 1969, it will be the first terminal designed to accommodate the planes of the future.

Helicopters will be able to land right on the roof of Flight Wing I. So you can get to your plane faster.

Data processing equipment will speed up reservations, ticketing, and checking in.

Baggage will be handled in record time with more automated equipment.

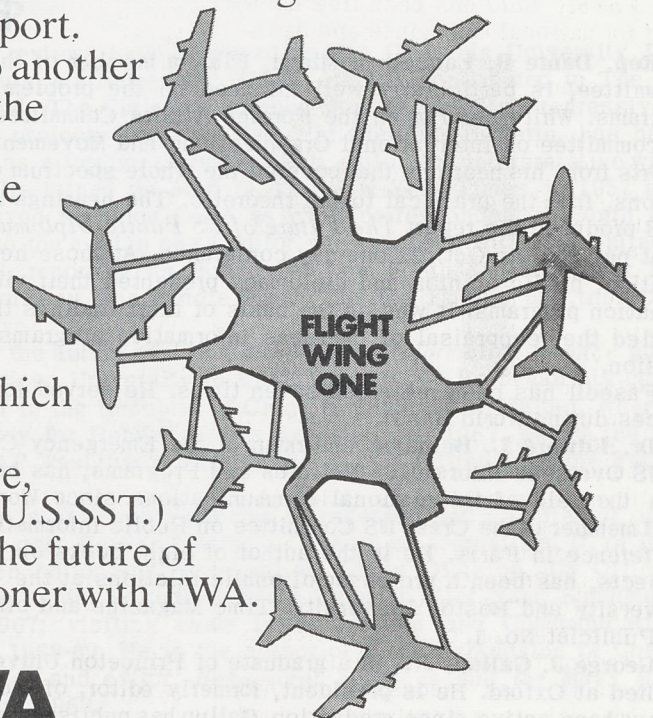
And since we'll have our own private Customs facilities, you'll be able to avoid any possible delays in the International Arrivals Building. It also means you'll be able to go from Los Angeles to New York to London without changing terminals.

This will give you a good idea of what TWA is doing to keep you from hanging around the airport.

Of course, flying from one place to another on TWA will also be a lot different in the future.

You'll fly on the Boeing 747, a plane six stories tall and a block long. Or on the Lockheed TriStar, which will be delivered in the early 1970's. Or on supersonic transports like the Concorde SST and the Boeing SST, which can fly from New York to London in something like 2½ hours. (What's more, TWA will be the first airline to fly the U.S.SST.)

But maybe the nicest thing about the future of air travel is that it will be here a lot sooner with TWA.



TWA

Our people make you happy. We make them happy.

USIA OVERHAUL WILL BE DISCUSSED AT ALL-DAY

(From page 1)

come to the Conference will be made by Club President *Hal Lehrman* at the morning session.

The Emergency Committee was formed early this year, immediately after the Fascell report was issued, with the aim of gaining public support for the Committee's recommendation that President Nixon appoint a bi-partisan commission to re-evaluate the US information services, which cost about a quarter of a billion dollars a year.

CONFERENCE MENU

LUNCHEON

Melon Frappe

Grilled Young Chicken, Diable

Whipped Potatoes

Broiled Tomatoes

Snowballs, Strawberries Sauce

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DINNER

Pate de Foie Strabourgeois

Cote de Boeuf Rotie aux Primeurs

Asperges en Branche

Sauce Hollandaise

Salade Panachee aux Tomates

Cherries Jubilee

Survey

In July, this committee conducted a survey among leading newsmen serving America overseas. They were asked whether they felt the need for a re-assessment of the effectiveness of US overseas information machinery. According to the committee, 73% declared they believed it was essential "because of the lack of confidence in US idealism and sincerity among the rank and file of foreign peoples everywhere."

In summarizing testimony by communications leaders, the Fascell report indicated four main reasons for a break-

down of US reputation abroad: the assassinations of President John Kennedy, Sen. Robert Kennedy and the Rev. Martin Luther King, the Viet Nam war, racial problems and rising crime and lawlessness. Those testifying included Hewson A. Ryan, Deputy Director for USIA Policy and Research *Edward Barrett*, former head of the Columbia School of Journalism, Gallup, Bernays and Leonard H. Marks, former USIA Director, now on the US Advisory Commission on Information and CBS President Dr. Frank Stanton, chairman of that commission.

In his testimony, Stanton charged



Fascell



Barrett



Zorthian

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES ON

Rep. Dante B. Fascell of Miami, Fla., a member of the Government Operations Committee, is particularly well informed on the problem of overseas information programs. While serving on the Foreign Affairs Committee, he, as chairman of the Subcommittee on International Organizations and Movements, developed a series of reports from his hearings that covered the whole spectrum of international communications, from the practical to the theoretic. The hearings he held in the summer of 1968 produced the report *The Future of US Public Diplomacy* and are responsible in great part for the Oct. 22 one-day conference. At those hearings experts in communication, public opinion and diplomacy presented their viewpoints on overseas information programs. It was on the basis of their findings that the Committee recommended the reappraisal of overseas information programs by a Presidential Commission.

Fascell has been reelected seven times. He served for five years in the Armed Forces during World War II.

Dr. Edward L. Bernays, chairman of the Emergency Committee for Reappraisal of US Overseas Information Policies and Programs, has been intimately associated with the field of international communications since World War I when he was a staff member of the Creel US Committee on Public Information here and at the Peace Conference in Paris. He is the author of eight books on public opinion and related subjects, has been a professor of public relations at the University of Hawaii, NY University and Boston University. Time Magazine and others have called Bernays US Publicist No. 1.

George J. Gallup, Jr., is a graduate of Princeton University, 1953, AB. He also studied at Oxford. He is president, formerly editor, of the Gallup Poll, with which he has been active since graduation. Gallup has published studies of voting patterns among farmers, young voters, intellectuals, Negroes and labor union members. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Roper Public Opinion Center at Williams College, a member of the American Association of Public Opinion Research and the World Association of Public Opinion Research.

Dr. Robert F. Delaney is director of Tupper School of Law and Diplomacy of Tufts University. He was in the State Department in 1950 and in 1953 transferred to the Department of State. He is author of *Propaganda in America* and *You are the Future of Communist Hungary* and contributed to writing a textbook on public diplomacy.

Dr. John Boardman Whitton is founder of the Study of Political Broadcasting and Assistant Professor at Princeton U. He is author of *Propaganda in America* (with Wood Childs) *Propaganda by Short Wave* and *Toward Disarmament in the War of Words*.

Dr. Robert E. Elder, author of the *International Information Agency and American Foreign Policy*, is professor of political science at Colgate U. His book includes and foreign policy, the foreign leader and the role of federal domestic agencies.

Barry Zorthian, president of Time-Life Information Service, recently returned from a tour in Saigon as director of the Joint Public Information Office for Information of the US Embassy and the US Bunker. Before service in Viet Nam, Zorthian was in the US Navy.

Dr. Gerhart D. Wiebe, a Ph.D. from Boston University, is a professor of Public Communication of Boston U. and a member of the American Association of Public Opinion Research. He has been intimately associated with CBS, as assistant to the president of the Roper organization.

Ronald I. Rubin, assistant professor of Political Science of the City University of New York, is a member of the United States Information Agency and a member of the American Association of Public Opinion Research.

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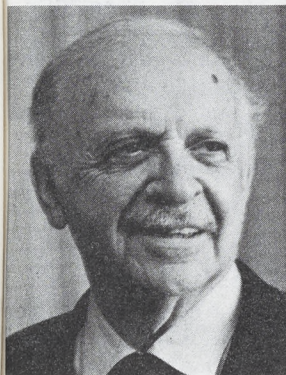
that the continued separation of the information, educational and cultural programs between USIA and its allied bodies, and the various programs carried out by the Department of State, has led to "ineffectiveness, excessive bureaucracy, to misunderstanding and distortion of America's policies and attitudes."

Stanton suggested that the US was overdue in taking the "ideological offensive" away from the Soviet Union and being victorious in the cold war.

Bernays, who also had testified before the Fasel Committee, urged that "behavioral specialists and social scientists work with the political de-

cision makers so that information agencies could succeed in aiding foreign policy and in properly implementing its information and humanistic work.

"The success of our foreign policy is affected by what people overseas think or say about us. US information, based on bias, distortion, controlled handouts, false stereotypes, should be understood by the peoples abroad, in order for us to evoke the psychological and intellectual responses in foreign peoples which would be an asset to this country. Of the six directors of the USIA in the last 12 years, none has been a persuader by profession."



Bernays



Wiebe



Grimes

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Segment 1 (10:10 — 10:40 a.m.)
"Dimensions of the Problem of US Overseas Information Policies and Programs"

Segment 2 (10:40 — 11:10 a.m.)
"Why US Overseas Information Policies and Programs are Important to US National Well-Being Today and Tomorrow"

Segment 3 (11:10 — 11:40 a.m.)
"How Public Information Policies and Programs are Carried Out Today — the Story of USIA and Other US Agencies"

Segment 4 (11:40 — 12:30 p.m.)
"Overseas Press Correspondents View the USIA"

Segment 5 — Luncheon Session (12:45 — 2:30 p.m.)
"What Reappraisal Will Accomplish"

Recess (2:30 — 2:45 p.m.)

Segment 6 (2:45 — 4:45 p.m.)
"What Needs to be Done to Develop Effective and Efficient US Information Programs"

Recess (4:45 — 5:00 p.m.)

Segment 7 — Dinner Session (6:30 — 8 p.m.)
"What Effective and Efficient US Overseas Information Programs Can Do for America"

CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS

of Edward R. Murrow Center of the Fletcher University. A Ph.D., he joined the State Department USIA. He is the author of the *Literature in the Foreign Service*. He edited *Studies in Guerilla Warfare*. He is

nd the Princeton Listening Centre for the State Professor of Politics emeritus of *International Law*, 1948; (with Harvard); (with Arthur Larson) *Propaganda* 1942; 1943.

Information Machine: The United States Intelligence (Syracuse U.P.) is professor of public relations and overseas representation and ser-

-Broadcast, Inc., is a twenty-year veteran recently concluded a four-and-a-half-year at Public Affairs Office, Minister Counselor and assistant to Ambassador Ellsworth Zol represented the USIS in New Delhi.

om State U., is dean of the School of Public Affairs, a known expert on public opinion research associated with the subject as a psychologist and then as a partner of the Elmo

so Social Science at Manhattan Community College, is the author of *The Objectives of the* and publications in the area of political

affairs. His articles and reviews have appeared in The Columbia University Journalism Review, The Annals, Parliamentary, Orbis. He has contributed to The Saturday Review, Commonweal, The Christian Science Monitor and The Progressive.

Paul Grimes, special projects editor of The Philadelphia Bulletin, has had a broad journalistic career as a foreign correspondent, editor and interpretative writer on international affairs. He joined the staff of The New York Times in 1957 as a copy editor. He later served for three years as chief correspondent in South Asia and finally as assistant to the foreign news editor. He has been with The Philadelphia Bulletin since 1966, reporting for that paper from South and Southeast Asia (including Viet Nam), Germany, the Middle East, Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union.

John W. Henderson is the author of *The United States Information Service* and is associated with the American University in Washington, D.C. He began his career as a public affairs officer in the Republic of China in 1948 and in Taipei, where he was counselor of Embassy for Public Affairs from 1965 to 1967. Before the war, Henderson was with the AP Washington Bureau. He is now retired from the Foreign Service.

Frederick Reh-chi Yu is professor, director of research and coordinator of the East Asia Journalism Program. He was instructor, School of Journalism, U. of Iowa, 1949-51; chief translation editor and news editor, China Division, US Office of War Information, 1944-46; senior scientist, Field Team in Viet Nam, Simulmatics Corporation, summer, 1967; visiting chair in Journalism and Communications, China U. of Hong Kong, 1968-69. He is the author of *Mass Persuasion in Communist China* (Praeger, 1964) and editor, *Behavioral Sciences and the Mass Media* (Russell Sage Foundation), 1968.

Benjamin H. Oehlert, attorney and former US Ambassador to Pakistan, served in the State Department and later was associated in high executive capacities with Coca-Cola Co., was president of Minute-Maid Co., and director of several banks. He is the author of important legal books.



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Letters

ON WILLIAM HENRY CHAMBERLIN

May I be allowed to record the passing of one of the most outstanding, yet most self-effacing members of our journalists' profession? I refer to William Henry Chamberlin, 72, who died on the 12th of August while on a holiday in Switzerland.

Everyone who knew William Henry loved him, and we of the small band of ex-Moscovites who were his colleagues perhaps loved him most. This perhaps because he was not at all the typical newspaper man. He neither smoked, nor drank, he never went in for cut-throat competition, except in poker playing, and he never bragged about his news "scoops" or his success with women. William Henry never ran after anything. In fact, he gave you the impression of a sitting Buddha. Yet, he somehow managed to be the most informed on events of the Stalin era and he was generally so right in predicting Soviet ploys that there was hardly a visitor to the Soviet Union or a resident journalist who did not at one time or another sit at William Henry's feet. And very small feet they were, for a man who liked to boast that he ate his weight in chocolate every year.

And speaking of feet: William Henry was actually the first, and I believe, the only mare's shank user. For two or three weeks, every year of the 13 years he was stationed in Moscow, William Henry and his wife would quietly disappear and make their way on foot through the remotest regions of the country. They were the first to discover Gori, Stalin's birthplace, and interview his old mother who thought her son would have done better to have stuck by the church. Apart from his loveableness, William Henry had one odd quirk which was not so loveable. He loved writing anonymous letters to his old schoolmasters at Haverford, and even leading world personalities like Presidents Hoover and Roosevelt. But even this was forgivable in one who could keep you spellbound by the hour drinking nothing but weak tea.

Rhea Clyman
New York

NOT ON COMMITTEE

The latest issue of the Overseas Press Bulletin reporting on new plans being made by the Board contains a paragraph stating that a new committee has been formed to study the possibility of raising capital funds for the Club through issuance of bonds.

I was puzzled to find my name listed as a member of the committee — puzzled

because the previous week I had been invited to become a member of this committee and had declined the invitation.

To borrow a phrase from recent political history, "I am not now, nor have I ever been, a member of a committee to study an Overseas Press Club bond issue."

George Bookman
New York

CELEBRATION ADMIRATION

Birthday coming up?

From firsthand experience, I'd say you couldn't have a nicer celebration than in OPC's new international dining room.

Not only will Mimi get the cake, she'll sing "Happy Birthday."

If encouraged, she might buy gifts or even remind you of the date.

And the food is excellent!

Mary Hornaday
New York

DISTRESS SIGNAL

As a non-resident associate member, I'm less than completely familiar with all the positions and ramifications in the Club's debacle during the past year, first with the (alleged) embezzlement by an aide and then by the ludicrous tug-o'-war between the Club and its spawn, the Correspondents Fund, over the Clubhouse. But I believe I can understand the justification for cutting back The Bulletin to a bi-weekly paper, to save money.

What I find increasingly distressing is the continual shrinkage of size and variety in content. It seems weeks since I've seen any letters from members, which used to provide a lively forum of discussion and equally lively reading. Rightly or wrongly, I find The Bulletin nowadays to seem little more than a press release put out by the incumbent management of the Club.

Are all wounds healed? Are all problems solved, really? Are there no dissident voices, humorous or choleric, seeking amplification in the Club's paper?

By all means, save the Club's dwindling resources, if you must, by having the number of issues; but in what's left, perhaps you could condense some of the exquisitely detailed biographies of speakers (Margaret Mead, for instance) or news that has been reported elsewhere (the paragraph slugged "Nixon-ized?" on page 5 of the September 20th issue), and restore the letters column.

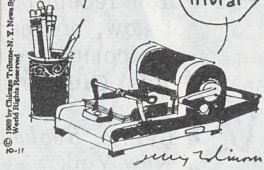
James E. Brodhead
Sherman Oaks, Calif.

JERRY ROBINSON

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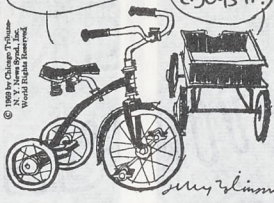
nobody knows what he does...but everyone agrees it must be important!

it's one of those jobs that's vitally trivial



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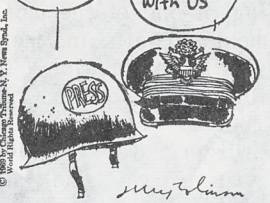
a Presidential Commission says violence on TV should be limited to after 9 pm!



-for the adult audience who really enjoys it!

still life*

what's holding up our peace offensive?



Thief refuses to negotiate with us

THE CASH BOX

"Members are strenuously invited to pay cash in the bar, grill and dining room during the next 60 days, to help meet cash needs resulting from summer doldrums."

This reminder came in from OPC Treasurer *James Sheldon*, currently on a visit to Taiwan.

Members also can help by paying up on house accounts as soon as possible.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

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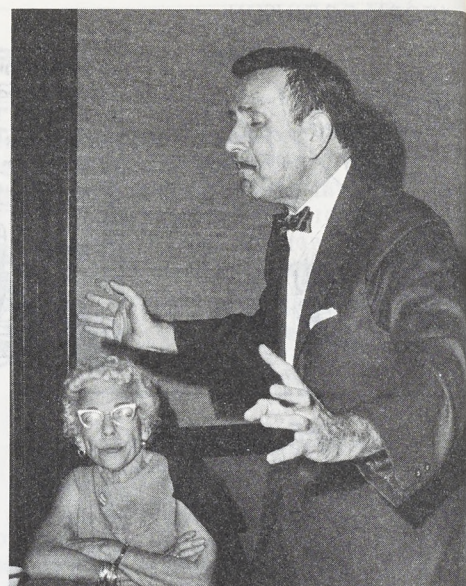
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ROTHBLATT: "Interservice rivalry and bungling can destroy reputations of heroic men."

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Authorities Shouldn't 'Use' Media, Beret Lawyer Says

By ED EDWIN

Asked if a newsman lent himself to being a cat's paw if he did not investigate fully information supplied him by governmental authorities in trials of six Green Beret officers, defense counsel Henry Rothblatt redirected the thrust of the question.

Military and intelligence authorities, he said, should "not so use" a correspondent.

Repeatedly during an OPC appearance he noted that much of the documentation in that murder-and-espionage case is classified, and that even he, having been cleared to read confidential documents, often did not learn of subsequent declassifications until data showed up in news releases of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Leaked Story?

The query and response were built around and account filled by NBC's Robert Goralski, who reported that the Green Berets had committed three hundred political assassinations, assertedly in such a way to resemble techniques of the Viet Cong. The report, characterized by Rothblatt as "obviously a leak," was, he said, "to prepare the public for the story to come," that "the Green Berets were cutthroats."

Rothblatt's OPC appearance not only summed up investigative reporting already published but proved a curtain raiser for headlines and editorials to come. He appeared before the Army dropped charges against the men.

First Vice President Mary Hornaday presided at the Club function, with Dorothy L. Omsky, producer of event, introducing the noted criminal lawyer. Rothblatt is also author of five books

on law, with two new ones in manuscript (one involved collaboration with attorney F. Lee Bailey, who had also joined to defend some of the accused soldiers).

Predicted Case Would Be Dropped

Although expressing confidence that the case would be dropped on grounds of lack of evidence, Rothblatt declared that if charges were brought, "I'll be packing my bags for a return to Viet Nam with gusto and relish." (Within a few days, he was back in Viet Nam. The US Army had named one officer as murderer of the alleged double agent, with another as co-conspirator. Six officers were to stand trial, with decisions pending on a warrant officer and an enlisted man.)

In a demonstration of his courtroom demeanor, Rothblatt projected himself as an impassioned, gesticulating counsel and, indeed, an outraged citizen.

"The reputations of eight heroic officers have been shattered by charges of murder!" he intoned. "Interservice rivalry and bungling can destroy reputations of heroic men," he continued, building to a crescendo. Time and again he referred to "terrible jealousy and rivalry" between the CIA and the Special Forces and involvement of "top brass." That these men were "thrown into solitary confinement in the stockade" drew further ire.

An Influential Army?

If this defense counsel seemed emoting in hyperbole, he was in company of influential news media and columnists. Earlier, The NY Times, in an editorial, "Making a Mess Messier," charged, "If Secretary of the Army, Stanley R. Resor really believes that the Green Beret murder-and-espionage case in Viet Nam 'is being properly handled by

all concerned,' he must be very nearly alone in his conviction." "It, too, railed against leaks and solitary confinement in a maximum security prison, and asked, "Has this affair been used to prosecute old feuds among the intelligence agencies?"

Similarly, The Christian Science Monitor reported the trial as a benchmark in a long-standing deep rooted conflict between the Army establishment and the Green Berets, an elite corps considered too elite by their army critics.

And columnists Frank Mankiewicz (Robert F. Kennedy's one-time press secretary) and Tom Braden wondered "Why did the CIA decide for the first time in recent history to hold a back-ground briefing to deny that it was involved?" This move, they reported, ended intentions of General Creighton Abrams, Army commander in Viet Nam, to "hush up the affair."

Nor would such a trial necessarily have been the first. In August, the American Civil Liberties Union disclosed that it would appeal a 1968 conviction of a Special Forces captain for shooting a Vietnamese, a case described as having "striking similarities." At age 25, the captain was sentenced to life imprisonment at Fort Leavenworth (subsequently reduced to 24 years).

In Congress, an original group of eight representatives charging the Army with mishandling the case and indulging in irregular procedures expanded to at least 24. They also demanded that court action be relocated outside of Viet Nam, a move opposed by Secretary Resor on grounds that it would be "unwise and unjustified for me to interfere with the normal course of proceedings."